

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 and 37-69 have been canceled without prejudice and without acquiescence. Claim 36 has been amended per the Examiner's request, in order to place the claim in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the subject matter of Claim 69 is allowable, and that, accordingly, Claim 69 is allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of its independent claim, Claim 36. In the instant amendment, Claim 36 has been rewritten to include all limitations of Claims 36 and 69. It therefore contains the allowable subject matter of Claim 69. Amended Claim 36 is therefore allowable per the Office Action of June 16, 2004.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also indicated that Claim 70 is allowable.

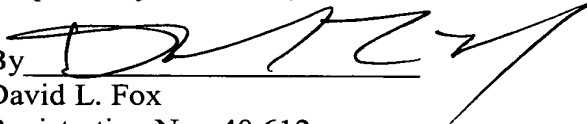
In view of the above amendment, and the Office Action indicating the allowability of Claim 70 and of currently amended Claim 36, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-35 and 37-69 have been canceled without prejudice and without acquiescence. Applicants reserve all rights, including but not limited to all rights to file continuation and divisional applications claiming the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P01525US0 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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